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SUPERVISORS HEAR TAXPAYERS' VIEWS

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northeast section of the county. The road, a part of Lee's retreat in 1865, has a section three miles long eligible for the special funds (only one mile of this is in Appomattox county.)

The board passed a resolution asking a request for the funds on motion of O. H. Tolley with a second by John C. Cole.

QUESTION REASSESSMENT

Several times during the morning meeting individuals and groups addressed the supervisors with regard to property taxes. The county has just concluded a four-day open meeting between taxpayers and the board of assessors which has completed a reassessment of county real estate.

Supervisor chairman O. W. Martin, Jr. said "We find no fault with the board of assessors." He explained that the men were supposed to assess properly at fair market value. The Commissioner of the Revenue, John C. Caldwell, in a separate conversation with the board said that he feels that assessments were, by and large accurate.

One taxpayer who estimates that his taxes will go from $130 said that at the rate his property was jumping up in value, to $216, "I'll be a millionaire in ten years."

Mr. Martin said that the board of assessors has not yet handed over its reports, and Commissioner Caldwell said that it would be at least 30 days before new assessment cards could be transferred into record books. Supervisors will be setting the rate of taxation at the April meeting. Present rate is $3.00 per $100 valuation. At present, real estate is appraised at 80 percent of fair market value and assessed at 30% of the appraised value.

Revenues from real estate taxes brough in $295,307 last year, according to the clerk. Other county revenue includes taxes from public utilities.

The reassessment board includes John S. Grinels, E. W. Carson and J. A. Williams plus Ron Silver, state assessor.

The Commissioner of Revenue told the board that Appomattox county is still in the lower 15% of Virginia counties with 17% ratio of taxation, based on true tax value.

Commonwealth's Attorney, Harry Gordon Lawson, reported to the board that the Michie Co. of Richmond, legal printers can prepare bound books containing all of the county's ordinances for handy reference by law enforcement officers and others. The clerk was asked to obtain prices for these.

County supervisors also made plans to eliminate the Finance Board of the county (statement of intent is published in the classified section.). If the ordinance is passed, the board itself will also be a finance board for the county.

Heretofore, the finance board was composed of the chairman of the board of supervisors, the county treasurer and a citizen member. The finance board approves escrow accounts, selects a depository for county funds and has the responsibility to see that such funds are properly secured.

Figures from the Dept. of Taxation show that total assessed real estate values in Appomattox county have increased from $3,686,749 in 1956 to $9,-554,529 in 1970.

Beginning with that $3 million figure in 1956, the assessed values climbed each year: 1956; $3,686,749; 1957, $3,906,830; 1958, $4,034,419; 1959, $4,239,-784; 1960, $4,423,156; 1961, $5,503,349; 1962, $5,643,374; 1963, $5,777,094; 1964, $6,-029,934; 1965, $6,265,822; 1966 $6,469,632; 1967, $8,793,879; 1968, $9,012,225; 1969, $9,209,-679 and 1970, $9,554,529.

BOARD REVIEWS PUPIL PROGRESS

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capped) as a group". Mr. Peyton thinks that more and more school systems will be adopting the "classrooms without walls" or "continuing education" approach, currently in use in part of Appomattox' schools.

Comparing Standards

The board spent a good deal of time comparing Appomattox pupils' progress with state objectives, based on state standards.

Smith reports that county school attendance averag last year was 92% and was lower than some years probably because of a flu epidemic. (Usual percentage is 92 - 94%.) State standards show that 64% of all pupils who enter first grade finish 12 grades and are graduated. Appomattox county last year had 73% of the pupils who entered first grade as graduates.

Appomattox currently has 21% of its pupils over-age for individual grade grouping and state standards call for a reduction of that figure to 20% or less by 1974.

In Appomattox county 90% of the children had pre-school experience, either in private kindergartens or in the summer program. By 1974 the county is supposed to implement a nine-month kindergarten program.

In Appomattox 95% of the teachers are assigned to the areas of instruction for which they were prepared as compared with 82.9% state-wide.

Field trips were approved by the board for the sixth grade at Pamplin to tour the Richmond Coliseum and Museum on Feb. 24; for a trip by the ACHS Beta Club to the state convention in Roanoke on March 19; for VICA and DECA clubs of the county high school to attend their respective district meetings and for the seventh grades of Appomattox Intermediate School to visit the General Assembly meeting in Richmond on March 10.

The suspension of 19 pupils was approved by the board. Such suspensions are usually from three to five days according to the superintendent.

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SPOUT SPRING HD

The Spout Spring Home Demonstration Club will meet Thurs., Feb. 24 with Mrs. Mary Moon. Meeting time: 7:30 p.m.

The Pastor Speaks

"NEW MERCIES EVERY MORNING"

"They (the Lord's mercies) are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness." (Lam. 3:23)

God our Heavenly Father lives in the eternal present and he wants us to do the same. Therefore, he supplies us with Grace for each day and mercies moment by moment. His manner of blessings must be regularly appropiated. We must look to him each morning request his help in guidance and then with receptive hearts, pertake of the nourishing food of his word. If we do this we shall find strength for every hour and new mercies to delight our seeking souls.

D. L. Moody once said, "A man can no more take in a supply of Grace for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next six months or take sufficient air into his lungs to sustain life for a week to come. We must draw upon God's boundless stores of Grace from day to day as we need it!"

The Lord's eternal faithfulness provides the possibility that his supply of Grace could ever fail to come up to the pressing requirements of the trial to be born or a duty to be performed.

"Yes new every morning,
Tho we may awake,
Our hearts with old sorrow beginning to ache;
With old work unfinished when night stayed our hand,
With new duties waiting, unknown and unplanned,
With old cares still pressing to fret and to vex,
With new problems rising, our minds to perplex;
In ways long familiar paths yet untrod,
Or new every morning, The mercies of God!"

A missionary to the West Indies one time was surprised that the natives, in speaking of God's faithfulness had quoted the last part of this verse (Lam. 3:23) as follows: "Our God is greater than a palm tree!" He found later that the palm tree furnished about 350 of the articles by which these people lived . . . it was thus the most important thing they knew! Yet God is greater for he faithfully supplies our every need!

"New strength for new burdens
new courage for old,
New faith for whatever the day may unfold;
As fresh for each need as the dew on the sod,
Oh new every morning, the mercies of God."

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

ON "SAVING YOURSELF"

Lesson for February 20, 1972

Background Scripture: Luke 23
Devotional Reading: Romans 5:1-11

"Save yourself . . . !"

That was the challenge hurled at Jesus on the day of his death. Some people believe that Judas' betrayal of Jesus was, in effect, a challenge to the Master to save himself, to force him to use his powers to bring in the long-awaited kingdom.

Pontius Pilate also challenged Jesus to save himself. Had Jesus cooperated with him, made some appeal to his authority, the Roman governor might have made a greater effort to spare the life of this man in whom he found no wrong.

Herod too challenged Jesus to save himself. The Hebrew king was hungry to see Jesus, having heard much about the Galilean. Luke says, ". . . he was hoping to see some sign done by him" (23:8). Oh yes, Jesus, save yourself and entertain me!

The Value Of Survival

The officials at Calvary also challenged him: "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" (23:35). The soldiers also took up the cry: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself" (23:37).

Of all, then, Jesus was the taunt of one of the criminals who hung on a cross next to him: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" (23:39).

Everyone seemed to assume that if he were really the Christ, he could save himself from death. What they seemed to overlook was the fact that if he were really the Christ, he would not save himself. If he were God's Anointed there would be something more important to him than preserving his physical existance. And because he was — and is — the Christ, Jesus held commitment and obedience to God's will as his highest goal.

Survival was not the supreme value for Jesus. This does not mean he was indifferent to it: in Gethsemane he had prayed with great emotion that the "cup" of death might be taken from him. When he realized, however, that he could save his life only by backing-down on the gospel he had been preaching, he accepted the cross rather than betray his commitment.

The Right Way Of Gaining Life

Strangely, Jesus was able because Jesus was willing to die that he survived. By the cross there would be resurrection. By his life he saved it. In this to his disciples Boulding says: "It is ingness to risk death men and animals are

What this means is but one way to putting commitment head of everything ing our fear of death. If we wou crown of eternal life it must be willing to bear the cross.

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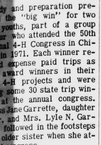

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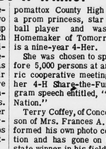

Terry Coffey

How To Be A Winner

...ty and preparation pre-...d the "big win" for two ...youths, part of a group ...who attended the 50th ...al 4-H Congress in Chi-...in 1971. Each winner received expense paid trips as ...ward winners in their ...4-H projects and were ...some 30 state trip win-...at the annual congress.

...Jane Garrette, daughter ...and Mrs. Lyle N. Gar-...followed in the footsteps ...older sister when she at-...congress.

...swept to top honors in the ...management program. ...older sister won her trip ...the clothing program.

...freshman at Virginia Poly-...Institute & State Univ-...plans a career in ...nomics with the Ex-...

...Garrette's trip was ...by Tupperware Home ...Division of Dart In-...Inc.

...co-valedictorian of ...high school class at Ap-...tox County High School, a prom princess, star basketball player and was named Homemaker of Tomorrow. She is a nine-year 4-Her.

She was chosen to speak before 5,000 persons at an electric cooperative meeting giving her 4-H Share-the-Fun program speech entitled, "I am the Nation."

Terry Coffey, of Concord, and son of Mrs. Frances A. Coffey, formed his own photo corporation and has gone on to be a state winner in his field.

He said that his photo corporation has been hired by a number of community and church groups. He swept to top honors in the photography project with an array of black and white and color photos.

A high school junior, he plans to study law. A seven-year 4-Her, his top was sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company.

Terry said he saw the need to improve the quality of his photo service soon after learning of the need for the know-how in his 4-H project.

Modernistic Club

Mrs. J. C. Webb will be hostess to the Modernistic Club Friday, February 18, at 6:00 p. m. She is expecting club members to prepare to come to the meeting on time and be sure to be present because she is looking for you, and you. This will be our second meeting this year. Mrs. Celestial Turner was our last hostess.

Don't forget that, we will have a birthday this month to think about, and bring a gift.

We wish these friends and sister a Happy Birthday in February -- Misses Helen Stevens, Peggy Jordan, and Mrs. Celestial Turner.

Hope you our Birthday in February are one that brought you joy and contentment.

Many Happy Returns!

The Cub Scouts No. 546 met in its first meeting of the year with their Den mothers, Mrs. Eva T. Allen in her home recently. Also with the assistant mother, Mrs. Irene Rixey. All of the cubs reported having a grand time. Those present were: Herbert Allen, Lanza Culpepper, Howard Ferguson, Robert Lawhorne, Charles and Michael Rixey. The next meeting will be held at the Methodist Church, Tuesday, February 15, right after school, until 4:30 p.m. The Den mothers will be looking for you -- time - right after school -- place - Methodist Church -- Date, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1972.

IN AND OUT OF TOWN over the week end: Miss Mary Webb of Longwood College, Farmville, Va. spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Webb.

Miss Peggy Jordan attended funeral services of a former co-worker, the late nurse Clark, of St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va.

The Stevens sisters' visited Mrs. Theda M. Harris Monday. We are happy to report to you that Mrs. Harris is doing nicely at this writing.

See you next week!

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New Option Aimed At Increased Acreage

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz today gave farmers a new option under the 1972 feed grain program which will give them larger payments.

All previously-announced provisions of the program are still available for set aside of feed grain acreage. The offering of the new option follows indications of larger than expected 1972 feed grain planting, particularly corn, as reported in a Jan. 1 survey of farmers' intentions released last week.

"This added option will make the set-aside program more effective in protecting feed grain farm income this year," said Secretary Butz. The Secretary went on to say, "we are determined to provide the kind of program that will give producers the widest possible latitude in participation choices while enabling them to keep feed grain production within reasonable limits."

Under the new option, corn producers, after setting aside the 25 percent of their feed grain base to qualify them to earn their basic payment, will be able to earn an increased rate of payment on additional set-aside -- 80 cents per bushel on an added 10 percent of their base. For sorghum, the payment will be increased to 76 cents per bushel. To qualify for the maximum payment rate under this new provision, the producer will agree that for each acre of additional set-aside, his 1972 plantings of corn-grain sorghum will be reduced by two acres below his 1971 corn-grain sorghum acreage. Thus, one acre would be set aside and held out of all production and the second acre would be held out of corn-grain sorghum production but could be planted to any crop not subject to other program restrictions. In addition, producers may offer an additional 5 percent of their corn-grain sorghum base at the same rate which may be accepted at the option of the Secretary.

As originally announced for the 1972 program, producers can qualify for a payment of 52 cents per bushel for corn and 42 cents per bushel for grain sorghum, for a 10 percent extra voluntary set aside. This will continue to be available. They will also be eligible as announced Oct. 18, 1971 for another 5 or 10 percent at this same rate with the department announcing in late March whether any of this will be accepted.

If a producer uses the new additional set-aside option offered today, he will forgo any additional set-aside options for corn-sorghum or barley.

The set-aside payment rates are based on a farm's established per acre yield.

There is not extra option for barley producers. Their program is unchanged from that originally announced.

Signups for participation in the 1972 program began Thursday, Feb. 3 and will continue through March 10. Concurrently producers of wheat and of cotton will be signing up for their programs.

USDA is urging producers to work closely with their Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) county office to be sure the land was in fact in feed set-aside acreage, is eligible and represents average cropland when compared with farms on which they are planting the crop. Compliance reporters will be paying particular attention to these requirements as well as measuring the certified acreage when they spot check farms in 1972.

Measurement service, which is available from ASCS offices for a small fee, will assure a farmer that his designated acreage meets all requirements for acceptable set-aside.

LOCAL COUPLE IN NATIONAL MAGAZINE PHOTO

A photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bartlett of Appomattox is part of the February issue of "The Torch of Beta Sigma Phi", national publication of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Mrs. Bartell was "Valentine Queen" of the local Delta Zeta chapter last year. The photo was taken by the Times-Virginian during the Valentine Ball at the Avalon in 1971 when the theme was "Romeo and Juliet."

BECKHAM

Feb. 15 -- Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr. of Richmond spent Saturday night with Mrs. Herman Moore, Sr.

Mr. Abner Martin and Phil Martin of Richmond spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr. visited in this home Saturday night.

Mrs. Charles Tweedy entered University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville Sunday and will undergo surgery today.

Mrs. Mary Burge continues a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. Ashby Martin continues ill at her home. Many of her friends and relatives have recently visited her.

Mrs. Winston Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin, A. C. and Mike visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and family and Mrs. S. G. Martin Sunday night.

Tracey Tweedy is visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and family.

Melanie Gay Morris is visiting with Mrs. Edgar Tuck today.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stallings, Michelle and Tracey Tweedy were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy.

HD Members Invited To Taste Luncheon

All Home Demonstration Club Foods Leaders and other interested people are invited to a Tasting Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, February 23rd. This will be the Leader Training meeting for the March program, "Fun With Foreign Foods," and will be held in the kitchen of Southside Electric Cooperative in Crewe. All foods leaders need to attend, and any other members who may desire to go. We will be leaving from the County Extension Office at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Becky Johnson if you are going and can drive a car.

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald I. Johnson (the former Yvonne Batten) announce the birth of a daughter, Tara Rene, born Thursday, Feb. 3, 1972 at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

The Johnsons are parents of another daughter, Roni Lynn, twenty-one months old.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Roby Batten, of Appomattox. Paternal grandfather is Mr. Jim Forbes, of Lynchburg.

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